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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is unclear upon reading the terminology -“the residue of-“ exactly what is intended, and what in fact the limitation is: It can be water, Al or Cl ions, or Hcl, for example at claim 1.

Claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 16, 17, 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Horn 4034078.

Residues of Al nitrate are used, nitrate-(col.4, top) or chloride, applied in methods of treating animal manure, thus, manure solids (col.5, line 36+) exemplified by chicken manure (examples 1, 2) at example 3, droppings were allowed to accumulate 14 days- thus dry, in Hog pens: Ammonia odor was reduced, but nitrogen content (col.5, lines 46-67) was not reduced.

Applicant's arguments filed 2/23/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants arguments fail, as reconsideration finds the claim language, while limiting to solid waste in a dry (undefined as to % moisture, but considered to be outside of the % associated with that reaching waste treatment plants, thus in accord with applicants arguments the claims are not limited to the ratio or amount of active to

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waste at claim 1, and are not at all limited to specific compounds-residues construed widely and exemplified at Van Horn. Further consideration of Van Horn as obviously providing claimed benefits, such as animal health improvement were also considered, as known to so accrue by one in the animal husbandry arts. We await amendment for reconsideration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neil Levy whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F from 7:00a.m to 5:30p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page, can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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May 12, 2004

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